

8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Criminal No. 08CR394-H
11 Plaintiff,)
12 v.) **FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF**
13 **RUBEN RUVALCABA-MORALES,**) **THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE UPON A**
14 Defendant.) **PLEA OF GUILTY WITH WAIVER OF**
15) **OBJECTIONS AND THE PREPARATION**
16) **OF THE PRESENTENCE REPORT**

17 Upon Defendant's request to enter a plea of Guilty pursuant
18 to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this
19 matter was referred to the Magistrate Judge by the District
20 Judge, with the written consents of the Defendant, counsel for
21 the Defendant, and counsel for the United States.

22 Thereafter, the matter came on for a hearing on Defendant's
23 plea of guilty, in full compliance with Rule 11, Federal Rules of
24 Criminal Procedure, before the Magistrate Judge, in open court
25 and on the record.

26 In consideration of that hearing and the allocution made by
27 the Defendant under oath on the record and in the presence of
28 counsel, and the remarks of the Assistant United States Attorney,

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1 **I make the following FINDINGS - that the Defendant**
2 **understands:**

- 3 1. the right to persist in a plea of "not guilty";
- 4 2. the right to a speedy and public trial;
- 5 3. the right to be tried by a jury, or the ability to
- 6 waive that right and have a judge try the case without
- 7 a jury;
- 8 4. the right to the assistance of counsel at trial;
- 9 5. that, at trial, there would be the right to confront
- 10 and cross-examine the witnesses against the Defendant;
- 11 6. that, at trial, there is the right to present a
- 12 defense, and the right to have witnesses subpoenaed to
- 13 testify on the Defendant's behalf;
- 14 7. that, at trial, the Defendant would have the right
- 15 against compelled self-incrimination;
- 16 8. the nature of the charge filed in this case;
- 17 9. the maximum possible sentence that could be imposed
- 18 (including imprisonment, fine, term of supervised
- 19 release, and mandatory special assessment), the effect
- 20 of a supervised release term, and that the sentencing
- 21 guidelines are only advisory so that the Court may
- 22 sentence Defendant up to the statutory maximum;
- 23 10. the terms of the plea agreement;

24 **I further find that:**

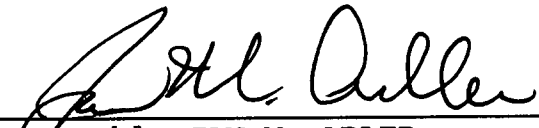
- 25 11. that Defendant's plea of guilty is made knowingly and
- 26 voluntarily;
- 27 12. the Defendant is competent to enter a plea; and
- 28 13. there is a factual basis for Defendant's plea.

1 I therefore RECOMMEND that the District Judge accept the
2 Defendant's plea of guilty.

3 The sentencing hearing will be before United States District
4 Judge MARILYN L. HUFF, on APRIL 1, 2008, at 9:00 AM.

5 Objections to these Findings and Recommendation were waived
6 by the parties at the hearing. The parties have also waived the
7 preparation of the Presentence report in this case.

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10 Dated: 3/13/08


HONORABLE JAN M. ADLER
United States Magistrate Judge

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13 Hon. MARILYN L. HUFF
14 U.S. District Judge

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